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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the activities under National Horticulture Mission to create export potentiality in the States during Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of Central schemes proposed to be implemented for the purpose alongwith the funds allocated for the same, State-wise and to educate farmers to approach markets and evaluate clients; and

(c) the role played by the National Horticulture Board in addressing the problems of farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission is being continued during the Eleventh Five Year Plan for the holistic development of horticulture by adopting an end-to-end approach.The activities taken up under the scheme includes production of seed & planting material,area expansion,rejuvenation,organic farming,Integrated Pest Management, creation of infrastructure for Post Harvest Management and marketing Human Resource Development (HRD) is also an important component of the scheme.These activities enable the enhancement of production of horticultural produce for domestic consumption as well as exports.The state-wise details of funds provided for these activities during 2007-08 is given in Annexure.

(c): The National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing the following schemes for the development of horticulture in the country:

1. Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management.

2. Capital Investment subsidy for construction/expansion/modernization of cold storages and storages for horticulture.

3. Technology Development and transfer for Promotion of Horticulture.

The NHB has facilitated the setting up of Commodity based Growers Associations for addressing the problems of farmers and 19 such Associations have been formed under the overall aegis of Confederation of Indian Horticulture.